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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 3-16-2025

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM

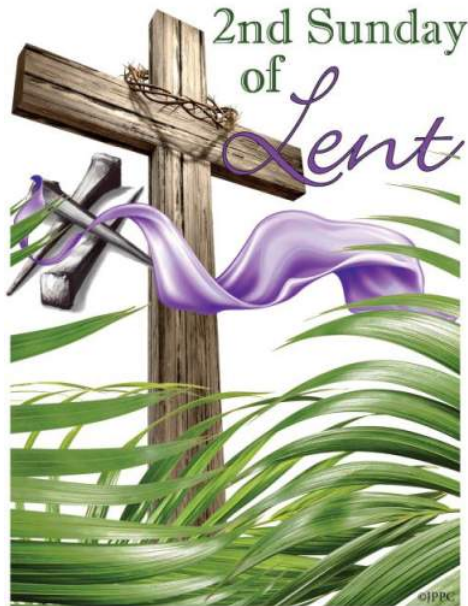
Sunday

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS – Saturday, 8:30am-9:30am in the reconciliation room in the church vestibule.



PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John J. Mink, Pastor

Rev. Eric Frimpong, Associate Pastor

Deacon Matthew Boyer, Esq.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – call the Rectory at least 12 months in advance. *Initial meeting with couple & St. Ann's priest required before setting wedding date.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Completion of online parent Baptismal program and compliance with Godparent eligibility policy is required before setting a baptism date. Call the rectory for more info.

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PARISH MUSIC PROGRAM - Director: Andrew Trites
Email: atrites@stannwilmington.com
Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays in the Social Hall at 7pm.

Couples being married are to contact the director for an appointment several months before the wedding date.

PARISH ADVISORY GROUP – Charles Klous, Finance Council Executive Officer

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM - 8th of each month to volunteer or give donations contact Clair at 302-893-7182 or clair2413@gmail.com.

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Ms. Rachael Casey – Principal,

rcasey@thesaintannschoo.org

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Student PREP, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, contact Grace Donahue at gdonahue@stannwilmington.com or 302-654-8504.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (Grade 8)

For info contact Mrs. Lynne Dickinson, Coordinator

mdickinson@thesaintannschoo.org

ESTATE PLANNING – We are grateful to parishioners who have included St. Ann's in their plans with a legacy gift in their memory. For more info, contact Patrick Cullen at 302-654-5519 or email pcullen@stannwilmington.com

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 16, 2025

From Fr. Eric:

Jesus' majesty during the Transfiguration

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus in all his glory, transfigured on Mount Tabor. Picture a split screen: on one side, Jesus is shining in radiance, transformed before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:32). On the other side, Jesus is hanging on the cross, covered in blood, his body broken in agony.

The contrast between these two images can be shaking. How can the same Jesus, who was revealed in divine glory, also be the one suffering a humiliating death on the cross? The answer lies in his love for us. Jesus willingly accepted "death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8) to save us. Out of love, he chose to let go of any display of his divinity and instead embraced the cross.

In the first reading from the Book of Daniel, we encounter a majestic vision of the "Ancient of Days" who sits on a throne, clothed in radiant white, symbolizing purity and divine authority. This vision culminates in the appearance of "one like the Son of man," who is given power, glory, and a kingdom that will never be destroyed. This imagery sets the stage for understanding Jesus' divine nature and His rightful place in God's plan for humanity.

The Responsorial Psalm echoes this theme, proclaiming, "The Lord reigns, let the earth exult". It emphasizes God's sovereignty and the revelation of His glory, which is essential for grasping the significance of the Transfiguration. The psalmist invites us to recognize the majesty of God, who is exalted above all.

In the second reading from 2 Peter, the apostle affirms the eyewitness testimony of Jesus' majesty during the Transfiguration. He recounts the voice from heaven declaring, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him". This moment not only confirms Jesus' divine sonship but also foreshadows the suffering He will endure, linking His glory to His ultimate sacrifice.

Finally, in the Gospel of Luke, we witness the Transfiguration itself. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray, where His appearance is transformed, and He converses with Moses and Elijah about His impending departure in Jerusalem. This scene summarizes the duality of Jesus' mission: His divine glory is revealed, yet it is intertwined with the reality of His suffering and death.

The Transfiguration is a moment where Jesus' true identity is revealed. When we think of Jesus in his transfigured glory, it deepens our gratitude for what he endured for us. As the divine Son of God, he could have called upon angels to save him from the cross at any moment. He could have unleashed his power and stopped his persecutors. But he didn't. He chose to suffer and die out of love—for all of us, even for those who condemned him.

Imagine yourself standing on Mount Tabor with Peter, James, and John. Picture Jesus' face shining with divine light, his clothes radiating brightness. What would you say to him? Above all, let your heart be filled with gratitude and thank him for the immense love that led him to the cross, so that we might have life.

"Lord, I would love to witness your presence today."

INTERESTED IN BAPTIZING YOUR CHILD AT ST. ANN'S? There is an online Baptism PREP class required if you have not taken a class within the last two years. Just visit the "Ascension Press" website and look for "Belonging." The cost for the class is \$9.95. Once you have taken the class, we can get you on our baptism calendar. We schedule two baptisms on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. For info, call 302-654-5519 or email stannschurch@stannwilmington.com.

PAUSING FOOD DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE – Our Knights of Columbus Council must pause collecting food donations at the rear of the church. Please do not leave any food there for the foreseeable future. We thank everyone for their past generosity and hope to resume collections in the future. God bless you all. - Msgr. Dewson Council



STATIONS OF THE CROSS take place every Friday in Lent at 6pm and on Good Friday they are at 7pm.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Join us immediately after the 8:00am Mass every Monday during Lent. We will reflect on the meaning of the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel. Sessions will be held in the church on the following Mondays: **3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, & 4/14**. Take some time during your Lenten journey to reflect on the meaning of the Word of God.

Lenten Reflection and Breakfast: After 7:30am Mass on Sunday, March 30, parishioner and school-parent Dr. Andrew Peach, J.D., Ph.D. will present a brief Lenten reflection on **Why God Allows Suffering**. Dr. Peach’s reflection will be preceded by a pancake breakfast. Cost is \$10 per person, children under 12 free. Proceeds benefit technology needs at St. Ann School.

Register by sending an email with your name and number of attendees (adults and children) to: welcometostannswilmington@gmail.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “Together in Hope” Join us in the spirit of hope and unity as we launch our 2025 Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal under the theme “Together in Hope.” Inspired by this powerful message, we are reminded that hope is the foundation of our faith and the light that guides us through all challenges. Our Appeal is an opportunity to come together as one community, embracing our shared mission to serve and uplift one another through the love of Christ. This Appeal is not just a call for financial support; it is an invitation to actively participate in the shared journey of hope. Each contribution, no matter the size, is a meaningful step toward building a more connected, compassionate, and hopeful community. As we unite in generosity, let us embody the essence of being *Together in Hope*—a vibrant and faithful community bound by our commitment to live the Gospel message. Help our parish demonstrate a strong level of active participation. We are all invited to be beacons of hope, supporting one another and our diocesan family on this sacred journey. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this vital campaign. To learn more about the Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.”

Second Sunday of Lent – Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 302-658-9876 so that together we can help the suffering and poor. **You can provide financial help by placing a donation in the Poor Box. You can also donate through the parish website (<https://www.stannwilmington.com/support>), the Parish Giving portal (<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>), and Venmo (@StAnnWilmingtonSVDP-Society).** Thank you!

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Mass Intentions

****Priests will be saying Mass Intentions privately for each 6:30am daily mass & the 8am Saturday Mass**

Saturday March 15

**8:00 a.m. Rev. Francis J. Connelly (1935)
4:00 p.m. Kenny Ackerman & Pat McLaughlin

Sunday March 16

7:30 a.m. Jean Barone
Ellen & Leo O'Callaghan
10:30 a.m. Yong Tae Tae
The Parishioners of St. Ann's

Monday March 17 St. Patrick's Day

**6:30 a.m. Andrew Stephen DiEmedio
8:00 a.m. Tom Wertz & Robert Cleaver

Tuesday March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**6:30 a.m. Thomas Mygrantz
8:00 a.m. Yong Tae Tae
The intentions of Marty Catalano

Wednesday March 19 St. Joseph

**6:30 A.M. Leah Belitto
8:00 A.M. Harris and Montague Families

Thursday March 20

**6:30 a.m. Rev. James F. Earner (1934)
8:00 a.m. Margaret McLaughlin & John Spera

Friday March 21

**6:30 a.m. Rev. Bennet C. McNulty (1968)
8:00 a.m. Theresa Deptula
The intentions of Cleo McHenry

Saturday March 22

**8:00 a.m. Rev. Thomas F. Gardocki (2017)
4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Francis T. Smith

Sunday March 23

7:30 a.m. Robert Straight & Mary Durkalec
10:30 a.m. Maeve Kenny Solberg
The Parishioners of St. Ann's

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish

Offertory for the weekend of March 2nd was \$11,811. As always, thank you very much for your support!!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US!!! Parish Giving is available for Online Offertory Giving – Visit our website and click the Parish Giving Button.

Hospital Visitations – Make sure to email the Rectory at stannschurch@stannwilmington.com or call 302-654-5519 if you are in the hospital and would like the rectory to know.

Need to register for St. Ann's? Visit our website www.stannwilmington.com, print the form and drop it off at the rectory or email it back to us.

ST. ANN'S PRAYER LINE – to place a name on the prayer line contact Susana Saldivar at susana.saldivar1@gmail.com or 302-824-0161.

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**St. Ann's Church Candle this week is in
memory of David Morris.**

BISHOP KOENIG VISITING ST. ANN'S – Our Chapel of Divine Mercy has been designated as one of the Jubilee sites for pilgrimages and pious visits within the Diocese of Wilmington until December 28, 2025. Therefore, Bishop Koenig will be here at St. Ann's on **Sunday, April 6th** to celebrate the 10:30am Mass. For additional information about the Jubilee, please visit the Vatican website: jubilaeum2025.va.

Reminder – Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14th year of age but as always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.

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